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NARUSHIGE-SAN,

WHAT EXACTLY IS THE 'FOREST OF RINGING BELLS'...

'CEMETERY' ...!?

TO BE EXACT,

IT IS THE 'FOREST OF RINGING BELLS CRIMINAL CEMETERY'.

WHY IS IT DESCRIBED AS IF IT WERE THE SCENE OF A SUPERNATURAL HAUNTING ——— !

Also, a ghost has appeared ———!

EH?

IT SEEMS TO BE...

WHERE CRIMINALS FROM THE 'END OF THE WORLD' GO.

THE BOOK SAYS

THAT THERE IS A TREE THAT WILL PRODUCE A BEAUTIFUL SOUND.

THAT SOUND CAN SUPPRESS THE SOULS OF THE DEAD ...

IT IS THE 'FOREST OF RINGING BELLS'!

WHAT A FANTASTIC SCIENCE-FICTION-LIKE NAME ——— !

the sky is so pretty!

ESCAPED FROM REALITY

THE RINGING BELLS CEMETERY

LOVE ME . . . . . ?

WHY DOES NO ONE

. . . SO SAD

SO SAD

WHY IS IT SO SAD ?

WHY ?

Ring out in the light

こんにちはー！またギリギリー！
今回はうかんの昔の話を描き下ろしてみました。
…ので千仲たちは全くいませんごめんなさい。

おうバンダ描く時間もねえ。

I NEED TO RECALL!! ALL THE SUPERNATURAL PROGRAMMES I'VE WATCHED!!

WATCHES → THOSE OFTEN, JUST IN CASE SUCH AN INCIDENT HAPPENS

WHAT SHOULD I SAY AT A TIME LIKE THIS?

COULD IT BE THAT YOU'RE MISTAKEN?

AH...

...Senroh,

You say you 'don't remember' .....?

You are called 'Senroh', right?

This face, it is this face,

It is this beautiful face...!

UM... NO MATTER WHAT, PLEASE CALM DOWN.

'NICE,' NARUSHIGE-SAN

WHAT IS YOUR NAME?

!

I DON'T BLAME HER FOR BEING ANGRY

!!

YES, THIS IS THE WAY.

I REMEMBER, THE MEDIUMS ALWAYS ASKED FOR THE NAME FIRST!

↑ WATCHED IN DETAIL

Name .....

Eh, what?

Who is she to chigusa?

THAT'S GREAT.

SHE'S GONE BACK TO HER 'NORMAL' LOOK...

'RINRAI' -SAN?

That's the way,

That's the way,

I AM CALLED ... WHAT'S ...

Rin

Rai...

MY NAME ...

My...

Name .....?

DON'T SAY IT

!!

I STILL DON'T REMEMBER ...

I'M SORRY,

FRANK & HONEST PERSON

EH?

ME?

...from the start,

you have been such a cruel man ...!

That's right, you,

That's right ...

So cruel ...

ONE OF MANY WOMEN?

Yes,

to you,

I am only one of many women.

FOOL AROUND WITH ONE WOMAN AFTER ANOTHER; BEING WITH MANY WOMEN?

You always ...

...fool around with one woman after another,

...being with many women, so, of course you don't remember me.

.....

WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN THE PAST? ...

SORRY.

I REALLY CAN'T REMEMBER...

AND,

IS THAT SUCH A BAD THING?

WHA.....

CHIGUSA-SAN.

Where should I start teaching him from!?

I DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE THIS BAD ——!!

Chigusa is a bad man?

Oh dear,

Huh?

I DIDN'T THINK,

...IS HAVING THAT 'IS THAT SO?' EXPRESSION!

AH, EVEN TOHNO

WHAT IS THIS .....

I KNOW HE DOESN'T HAVE MUCH COMMONSENSE, BUT...

Huh?

...TO DATE MANY WOMEN AT ONCE,

IS YOUR OWN PERSONAL PREFERENCE.

OR CONSTANTLY CHANGING GIRLFRIENDS,

BUT,

Ah?

AH

...'SAN'?

YES...

LISTEN CAREFULLY!

LISTEN.

Rakan...

...will not permit it!

GLARE

I WILL NOT PERMIT IT.

A HIGHSCHOOLER LECTURING ADULTS, (TWO OF THEM),

OVER MALE-FEMALE RELATIONSHIPS.

YE...

YES.

YES.....

YOU CAN'T BE THAT IMPOLITE TO WOMEN!

YES,

IT'S EQUAL TO BETRAYING EVERYONE!

THAT'S TOO PATHE-TIC!!

TO DATE MANY PEOPLE AT ONCE, IT IS NOT FAIR TO EACH OF THEM!

YES,

YOU MUST BE SINCERE TOWARDS THE ONE YOU LOVE!!

WAAH

THAT IS SO COOL

♡

Quite worship-ful

It's more attractive this way.

YOU MUST TAKE THE INITIATIVE TO REJECT THIS!

IT'S STILL PITIFUL!

EVEN IF THE OTHER PERSON IS FINE WITH IT,

DON'T BELIEVE THEM!

Ah,

That is so right

hun hun hun

nods

nods

You're already all grown up!

WHAT IF THE OTHER PERSON SAYS, 'IT'S OKAY'...

YOU'VE ENCOUNTERED THAT BEFORE?

PISSED OFF

I even need to explain such commonsense...

Ahh, goodness me,

FOR GOODNESS SAKE,

...FOR THIS KIND OF THING, PLEASE BE FAITHFUL TO ONE PERSON ONLY!

so that's how it is.

...that makes this is a bad thing.

makes it angry...

IS NOT BEING KIND TO THEM!

ACCEPTING EVERYONE THAT CONFESSES THEIR LOVE TO YOU,

nods

nods

nods

nods

YES!

ONLY 'ONE PERSON'?

EAK I FIND IT SO CUTE AND HILARIOUS THAT RAKAN IS UNKNOWINGLY DIGGING HIMSELF INTO A DEEP GRAVE. ROFLMAO! THEIR CHIBI FORM IS SOOO FULL OF EXTRA CUTENESS!

You never turn anyone down.

YOU HAVE TO REJECT THEM!!

Except for one person!!

YOU CAN'T JUST LOVE EVERYONE YOU ENCOUNTER!

It was as if you loved everyone you encountered...

...you went overboard.

...That's right,

...just now, what was that...

...strange feeling...

There is no can't be helped!

We'll make him remember in the future.

Because he has amnesia.

CHIGUSA FORGETTING YOU CAN'T BE HELPED.

AH, BUT,

And you have forgotten me.....

I WILL NOT FORGIVE HIM!!

FORGOT SHE'S A GHOST!

Been waiting for two hundred years

Waiting for you to come back

I've always been waiting for you

HEY,

I'M SORRY. PLEASE CALM DOWN...

Just now it was Rakan making her angry

EH

?

You said, 'I came to the ends of the earth',

'TWO HUNDRED YEARS'!?

WAIT!

UMM, HEY...

You said that

'Let's die together'

' to seek death'

'Besides, I am'

going to die soon'

You died. So cruel

However

!?

SHE'S GOT THE WRONG PERSON!

SOMEONE ELSE FROM THE SENROH CLAN.

THAT IS.

BUT,

'...DIED'?

CONVER-SATION FROM 'TWO HUNDRED YEARS AGO'.

UH.

SHE'S TALKING ABOUT.

GIGI!!

IT'S ANOTHER PERSON

CHIGUSA!

I'M SORRY.

UMM.....

'TO HAVE SINCERITY'...

SHE'S VERY HURT.

Yes. Nothing to do with him,

nothing

--NOTHING TO DO WITH CHIGUSA!

RAKAN,

THE PERSON YOU SPEAK OF,

IS HIS RELATIVE... NO, HIS ANCESTOR!

'Senroh'

As long as you inherit the surname, you are related.

'Why don't you love'?

Senroh.

'Can't love anyone'

!

HER BODY...

IS GRADUALLY TURNING BLACK...

Why?

THE AIR ...

...HAS SUDDENLY TURNED CLOUDY.

'Senroh',

The same name, the same blood

Senroh

The same

!

SHE'S TURNED BLACK.

THERE IS NO MORE NEGO-TIATIA-TIONS.

SHE'S TURNED INTO AN EVIL SPIRIT...

So sad.

So very sad.

Very sad.

'Why'

' Don't you love'?

At last, I've met you.

At last.

Sand,

Bones,

Desert,

Tomb-stones

where every-thung-shall die.

The land.

WHAT IS THIS!?

WHAT IS THIS OPPRES-SIVE AIR?

THE SAND IS TURNING BLACK..

This is the land of the dead.

レオ

レオ

レオ

whsh

what is this?

"SOUND?

THE SOUND OF THE BELL TREE!

The protection from the bells has ended,

The beauti-ful sound has died.

THAT'S THE ONLY UNTAINTED PLACE!

KURO!

QUICKLY JUMP INTO THAT STRUCTURE!

Y-kun

supernatural phenomena

No resting sleep.

No resting sleep.

If, even after death,

we must stay in such polluted lands, suffering continuous torture,

Awak-ening us

The land splits,

Pining us down

It is black and oppres-sive,

The chaotic air

Pollutes us

Then,

We shall drag every-thing in with us

DRAG EVERY-THING IN WITH US!

IT'S HIM ...

THAT MAN.

CAPTURE HIM, QUICK ...!

FASTER, KURO!

YES, ONEE SAMA!!

RAKAN CAN'T TAKE IT ANYMORE!

LIMIT

Grabs

EH?

TOHNO,

I'LL LEAVE RAKAN TO YOU.

THE TARGET IS ME...

...CHIGUSA?

SENRON!!

!

!

NARUSUGE! GIVE RAKAN THE BELL!

RIGHT.

KURO, RUN!

DON'T WORRY! THE DEAD CAN'T KILL ME!

HAS NO CHAIRS, TABLES, NOTHING...

THIS HOUSE

WHERE COULD IT BE?

THAT'S RIGHT. THERE SHOULD BE A SEED FOR THE BELL TREE.

THE 'FOREST OF RINGING BELLS'.

'BELL'

THAT BLACK ...

?

RAKAN!

KURO, DON'T GO OUT! WAIT HERE!

CHIGUSA!

THIS HOUSE ...

HAS NO FLOOR-BOARDS.

IT'S THE AIR THAT IS 'TAINTED'?

IT'S ONLY THAT PLACE THAT IS UNTAINTED!

!

THEY AREN'T CHASING US...

THEY CAN'T ENTER?

...AND NO JOINTS!

NO ROOF PILLARS

WAIT -

DRAG HIM IN...

TAKE HIM AWAY.

THIS IS THE MAN.

HE IS NOT YOUR 'SENROH'!

WAIT...

CALM DOWN!!

...HE IS ALSO...

NOT YOURS.

TRUE.

NOT MINE.....

...ALSO...

HE IS...

THAT'S RIGHT.

BUT...

ONCE THE BELL RINGS, THOSE THINGS WILL CALM DOWN ...

IS THE 'RINGING BELL TREE'!

THIS HOUSE ITSELF,

RAKAN-KUN! TOUCH THE PILLAR!!

BUT...

!

BUT...

WHAT IF IT IS ALREADY WITHERED ...

IF THIS IS THE TREE...

...PLEASE,

LEND ME YOUR STRENGTH!

JUST LIKE THAT.

I'M AFRAID IT'S JUST LIKE

WITHOUT CONSIDERATION JUST ACTING INSTINCTIVELY

I THINK THAT A CERTAIN KEYWORD OR MEETING CERTAIN CONDITIONS

WILL CAUSE THEM TO FORCEFULLY TAKE PEOPLE NO MATTER WHO THEY ARE

SPIRITS ...ARE STILL SPIRITS.

THEY'RE TOO WAYWARD.

I WILL NOT PERMIT IT!

JUST LIKE THAT, FORCEFULLY ABDUCTING PEOPLE FOR NO REASON!

...THEY

...PLEASE

'RINGING BELL TREE'!!

MUST NOT WANT TO DO SO EITHER!!

PLEASE SUPPRESS THEM!

ひかる……

SLASH!

Thus sound

Ah

flinch

AGH!

The voice of light,

Shining blade

A silver

wind

What a

Aaah,

feels so light

Body

SENROH DOESN'T LOOK HALF-SCARED.

AH.

CHIGUSA!

The forest is cleansed

THE BLACK SHADOWS HAVE VANISHED.

That's really amazing. He's not afraid of those things

That's great

It's a white tree

Tree?

A very familiar sound

A long time ago,

I heard it before

What was that just now?

A sound that just touched my body

Shining and transparent

The Forest of Ringing Bells

That I've always watched over

Ah.

that is

STUNNED!

That
must
...

That
...

...

...

criminals will be able to die.

I've heard that as long as one can make it to this place.

E/N : WORDS CANNOT DESCRIBE HOW IRRITATING IT WAS TO EDIT THE LAST TWO PANELS. THOSE SLUTTY BITCHES! GRAWRR

BUT HE'S A CRIMINAL, ISN'T HE?

HE SAID HE IS FROM THE 'SENROH' CLAN...

A MONSTER FROM THE PAST?

HE'S STAYING THERE!

THERE IS A VERY BEAUTIFUL MAN!

DID YOU SEE?

THE OLD HOUSE DEEP IN THE FOREST OF RINGING BELLS ...

I DON'T KNOW.

...I'M NOT CLEAR EITHER.

WHY WOULD HE?

OF HIS OWN FREE WILL? WHY?

HE CAME HERE OF HIS OWN FREE WILL.

BUT,

HE SAYS HE WASN'T BROUGHT HERE BY KINGEN-SAMA'S GUARDS.

Smiles

E/N GUHH! YOU SEDUCER, YOU!! *DROOLS.*

.....

.....

I'VE HEARD,

YOU'VE BEEN WITH ONE WOMAN AFTER ANOTHER.

WHAT DO YOU WANT!?

FOOLING AROUND WITH ALL THE GIRLS IN OUR VILLAGE...

YOU!!

WHAT ARE YOU UP TO!?

...SO I SAID 'PLEASE'.

THEY SAID THEY WISHED TO DO SO,

E/N : 'PLEASE' AS IN 'DOZO'.

THEY ALL KNOW IT!

YOU MAY THINK THIS IS FUN, BUT,

YOU...!

.....

THEY'RE PLAYING WITH YOU! SEEING WHO WILL GET YOU FIRST!

YOU'RE BEING TREATED LIKE A PLAYTHING, DO YOU KNOW THAT!?

ARE YOU AN IDIOT!?

THAT'S JUST FINE WITH ME.

PLEASE, USE MY BODY AS YOU WISH.

IF IT CAN BE OF ANY USE,

--THEN,

SHOCKED!

YOU...

...THAT'S HOW IT SHOULD BE!

SOMEONE MOST IMPORTANT TO YOU.

FIND...

SOMEONE YOU LIKE...

JUST ONE...

.....

YOU...

...YOU SHOULD ...

I'M ALREADY ...

I CAN'T DO IT,

I'M SORRY ...

I DON'T HAVE...

ANYONE LIKE THAT

...SORRY.

So sad

Why are you

apologizing?

Why are you

I'M SORRY.

Senroh

A sad man

Don't you love anyone

I CAN'T ...

HAND MYSELF OVER TO YOU.

I MUST BE SINCERE ...

Ahh ...

I'M SORRY.

Why can't you love anyone

BECAUSE,

THERE IS SOMEONE VERY DEAR TO ME THAT I HAVE TO PROTECT.

SO...

THAT'S WHY,

RIGHT NOW,

I CAN'T BECOME YOURS.

...I'M SORRY.

WILL YOU BE AT PEACE?

Because I

already fine with everything.

I'm already.

I

I've already

used to

lost all desire to live

love you

This is great

Senroh

You finally

Senroh,

Senroh

have someone who is dear to you.

Thank goodness

Thank you

The sound of the bells has cleared my mind

I was worried about you

HER NAME WAS...

SUZUMORI RINRAI-SAN.

SHE SAID SHE WAS ...

...OF THE CLAN WHO LOOKED AFTER THE RINGING BELL TREES AND THE CEMETERY FOR THE CRIMINALS.

SHE DIED AT A YOUNG AGE.

I'm so sorry

I had mistaken him for someone else and troubled you

We can communicate now

AH,

Her hair style and clothes has changed too

How vet / useful

SHE'S NOT SCARY ANYMORE.

AH, SO, IT IS A CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY AFTER ALL...

That's a relief

Ehhh

That's great

MURDERED!? WHY!?

No,

he was murdered

This

It must have been

...DID HE DIE OF AN ILLNESS?

EH?

The 'Senroh' that I knew,

died after my death

AN INFATUATION ENDING IN MURDER

Uwaa...

...

...

I've said things about your ancestor

Ah, I'm sorry,

He enraged about ten vengeful women

THE NUMBER HAS INCREASED AGAIN

The air turned stagnant,

the soil became polluted.

Slowly attracting bad things

At last, the entire cemetery had become a place where evil spirits haunted.

I hung around the bell tree Refusing to leave,

until the tree withered.

I

even after my death,

I was still worried about Senroh

So worried that

Yes.

Because I am a dead spirit attached to the tree

It's not a good thing at all...

YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE ONE NOW ...

.....

YOU ARE A 'BAD THING'?

My lingering affection became too strong,

that after being swallowed by the polluted air,

it became something bad.

Sorrow and pain of a dead spirit?

'DEAD SPIRIT'

There seemed to be a scary videotape like this

UM...

IT SOUNDS VERY SCARY.

WHAT BAD THINGS?

WHY ARE YOU CALLING YOURSELF THAT.

I'm really sorry about that.

Eh?

As the saying goes, "You are what you think."

YOU HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING WRONG.

SO, YOU CAN THINK OF YOURSELF AS A GOOD THING.

UM, THOSE GHOSTS,

WILL TURN INTO WHATEVER THEY THINK OF THEMSELVES AS.....

BEFORE MY EYES RIGHT NOW,

IS A BEAUTIFUL BELL TREE NYMPH.

BESIDES BEING A LITTLE TRANS-PARENT,

It's all good!

THERE SHOULD BE NO PROBLEM.

I guess not

Thus

No problem?

He's just very frank

No, that's not it

TSK

Is rough

Thus child

It feels more like

The power of the sunrise

This is not it

I have a request,

that I wonder if you may oblige

Ah, Senroh-san,

HMM?

He's smiling

It feels like the sun

It's because you are too alike.

like the reincarnation of the Senroh I know.

To treat you.

Ah,

no, you are mistaken. I apologize for being impolite.

of course that's not it.

CHIGUSA MAY VERY LIKELY HAVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH MORE THAN A DOZEN WOMEN AND BE INVOLVED IN A MURDER CASE BECAUSE OF IT?

PRO- BABLY UNABLE TO DENY.

AH! YOU MEAN

THAT ONE DAY,

AHH...

I KNOW.

I WILL TRY MY BEST.

must not have been able to attain happiness even at the end.

Because that man,

I hope that I,

--can attain happiness with the Senroh that I know.

E/N: TRY YOUR BEST TO WHAT? TO SEDUCE POOR RAKAN'S MAMA...

AND, AS FOR PEOPLE DEAR TO ME,

I WILL BE FAITHFUL TO ONE PERSON ONLY.

MMM.

I WILL DO SO.

THAT'S RIGHT.

As a person

EMM... I GUESS ...

That's right.

That's how it should be.

THAT'S GREAT, RAKAN.

Yes.

Thank you, Kinrai-san.

AH---!

SCARY GHOSTS WILL NO LONGER DARE TO APPROACH US?

really?

The sound can cleanse bad air

It's a gift from me.

Please bring a branch of the bell tree with you.

That's right, Rakan.

Ah

PEOPLE WHO ARE FEELING THAT THERE'S AN ARROW THAT IS UNSEEN TO THE NAKED EYE.

LATER, WE'LL TEACH HIM A LESSON!

He probably isn't doing this on purpose?

Very strongly

.....

SHIGEKA .....

Aren't you getting the feeling of something ominous?

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STORY

異世界靈異科幻故事。千艸一行人不經大腦的發言，
觸怒了在鈴鳴森林出現的女幽靈，周遭逐漸混濁變黑…
這是異世界頭一遭靈異現象嗎？可以鎮壓死者靈魂的鈴樹在哪裡呢？
並收錄四頁番外篇『怪談』，是靈異滿滿的第九集！

相変わらず書くことがないのですがええと…
そーだたまにはウラ話とか書こうとか思ってたんだいたが
しかし今回は時間がない…！(ダメ人間…)
えーとそーだ、この巻の2話めはなにか自分的には
いつもよりすごくほのぼの？話になってしまったのですが
実はネームで描いた金銭の所業があまりにひどくて
読者さんがひくから！という理由で没になったためにその反動ですごくやさしめの話になったようです…

(いや全然ね…

でも丁度いい時期にあのお花が
描けたのでそれはそれでよかったです☆
(3月売りの雑誌に載ったので)

おスペースがうまったぞ！

では毎回毎回しつこいですが、
お手紙くださった皆様ありがとうございます☆メールも！
何度もくださる方もありがとです！ちゃんと覚えてますです☆
がんばってマンガ描きますねー！

それではまた！
次巻は千砂たちの描き下ろしにしますねー。

2006 睦日若葉。 Sugimoto Mutsuho

EVERYBODY, RUN!

MONSTER!!

YOU'LL BE EATEN!!

THE MONSTER HAS APPEARED...

I WILL NOT HARM YOU!

THE SHINING MORNING DEW

MY NAME IS 'ASATSUYU'

いちばん欲しいものは？

カンタンな野菜料理のレパートリー……。料理本よめって話ですが

＋最近いちばん欲しかった1人用鍋はもう買ってしまったので。
野菜をちゃんと食わねばー！と思ってこの冬は鍋ざんまいで、
大変料理が楽だったのですが、あったかくなって来たら鍋ものばかりを食べつづけるわけにも
ポトフはすぐに飽きちゃうのでそれ以外に一度に野菜もいっぱい食べられる料理を見つけなければです。しかも簡単に作れるよー(ものすごい面倒くさがりなので)
ちなみに大根の初心者料理はもう作り飽きている。
お母さんえらいよね

BECOME THE 'ASATSUNU RIVER

EH...?

I AM DYING

It's fading off

THE SCALES...

ARE BECOMING TRANS-PARENT...!

I WILL BECOME AN ETERNAL RIVER

JUST AS RAKAN SAID

.....

.....

"RAKAN"...?

COLOURFUL

THERE'S NO ONE HERE

WE'LL REST HERE IN THIS VILLAGE TODAY

THAT'S A GOOD IDEA

IT'S A BUDDHIST HOUSE

I'LL PLANT THE BELL TREE FIRST

WE'LL SLEEP BESIDE KURO, SO, WE WON'T NEED ANY BLANKETS.

TOHJI, COME AND HELP

WE'LL JUST SWEEP THE FLOOR.

OH...

ABSOLUTELY LIKE A FARMER

CHIGUSA ALSO AGREES, RIGHT?

MMM.

I always forget to tell you that

...YOU CAN CALL MY NAME TOO.

NO, I DON'T REALLY MIND...

-JI?

AH, I'M SORRY.

I'VE BEEN INFLU- ENCED BY RAKAN. .

I'LL HEAD OVER THERE, AND,

.. DO SOME 'GARDEN- ING'

AHH...THEY ARE ALL SMILING....

Come, let's say it out

'Chi- gusa'

'Naru- shiga'

Yes

YOU GO ALONG TOO.

AH, TOUJI,

EH? ME TOO?

Leave the sweeping to me

AAHH...

Understood.

TO BE THE 'LOOK-OUT'.

I wanna go too!

THEN, I'LL BE THE 'ESCORT'.

I'M GOING NOW

GAA-TE- NIN-GU?

OHHHH

Ja, onegai shimasu

'A HOBBY OF GARDENING'

Be careful!

IF THERE IS A SITUATION, JUST GET BETWEEN THOSE TWO!

RIGHT HERE

AAHH... IT'S THAT KIND OF...

when you say look out, that's what you meant

RAKAN?

LET'S TAKE A LITTLE BREAK?

YOU'VE BEEN PLANTING SEEDS ALL THIS WHILE...

Aren't you tired?

AH, I'LL REST AT NIGHT

don't worry

Is that so?

OKAY.

AND I'M ONLY TOUCHING IT, SO I WON'T GET TIRED. .

ALSO,

THE WELL IS READY

WHAT SHOULD WE DO NEXT?

THIS ONE?

MMM.

Thus one, then

I HOPE THAT WHEN KAZUHI AND THE REST RETURN TO THE SURFACE,

THERE WILL BE LARGE EXPANSES OF GREEN.

Um,

...THANK YOU.

Ah!

WELL DONE, TOHJI!

HE GOT BETWEEN THOSE TWO AT THE RIGHT TIME.

AH,

YOU'RE HARASS-ING ME!

WOW... CHIGUSA KNOWS HOW TO 'HARASS' OTHERS NOW...

Is this considered an improvement?

I THOUGHT YOU WERE PLAYING...

GYAAAHHH! DON'T BE LIKE THIS...

WHAT ARE YOU DOING!? I AM NOT BEING SAD!!

AAHH. IT SEEMS TO BE.

IS THAT A 'SAKURA'?

MMM.

HM?

EH?

CHIGUSA, OVER THERE.

IS THAT A FAMILY CREST?

OR 'SAKURA MORI'?

Ahh

IT'S VERY LIKELY SO.

SUCH AS 'SAKURABA',

IT'S A FAMILY WITH THE WORD 'SAKURA' IN THEIR SURNAME?

THE SAKURA EMBLEM IS AT ALL FOUR CORNERS OF THE HOUSE

THEN.

Typical surname?

DOES THIS MEAN THAT THERE USED TO BE SAKURA TREES AROUND HERE?

WHAT IS 'SAKURA'?

IT'S A FLOWER THAT IS 'PINK' IN COLOUR.

THAT IS TO SAY, IT'S A LIGHT RED COLOUR.

'PINK COLOUR'?

FOR REAL?

UWAHH!

WA

THAT IS SO.

SINCE 'SAKURA' IS THE MAIN MOTIF,

THEN, THERE SHOULD HAVE BEEN MANY SAKURA TREES AROUND THIS HOUSE.

...I'VE NEVER SEEN IT BEFORE EITHER.

NNN.

WHAT ABOUT YOU, CHIGUSA?

BUT NEVER A REAL ONE.

AH.

I'VE SEEN THE DESIGN ON CLOTHINGS.

OH? NARUSHIGE-SAN HAS SEEN IT BEFORE?

AH?

I'LL GO LOOK FOR IT!

.....

IT'LL BE GREAT IF THERE'S ANY.

I'D LIKE TO LET THEM SEE.

I MUST LET THEM SEE.

UWAAAA

WILL THERE BE ANY SAKURA TREE SEEDS HERE?

UWAAAA

..THEY'RE GONE.

THIS 'SAKURA' THAT HE SPEAKS OF,

IS IT SOME-THING GREAT?

CHIGUSA!

LET'S LOOK FOR IT TOGETHER!

THERE MUST BE SOME SEEDS LEFT BEHIND.

OKAY

I WANT EVERYONE TO SEE...!

I'm off

YES..

TOHJI! FOLLOW THEM!

WATCH OUT FOR SMALL ROOMS!

.ALRIGHT

LET'S TAKE A BREAK HERE.

DO WE PLANT THE WHOLE FLOWER IN?

?

IS THIS OKAY?

IT SHOULD BE FINE.

PLANT THE LAMP FLOWER IN THE GROUND

EH?

Sprouts

ALRIGHT.

YUP.

LIP ON THE SURFACE.

.....

!

'SANOME'?

I HEAR THEY WILL GROW FOR QUITE A WHILE.

...THERE IS ONE?

WOAH! IT'S GROWING!?

しゅる

しゅる

しゅる

YEAH, THOSE..

ARE FLOWERS THAT THE SANOME HAVE CULTIVATED.

IT'S THE SAME BOW AS TOHNO TOHJI'S?

THAT BOW ..

Let me use it

Eh? Thus?

.....

DON'T TELL ME THESE GUYS ARE...

THIS

BECOMING...

JUST LIKE THIS

AH, 'BOUT THAT,

I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE SANOME TOUCHED,

BUT IT TURNED THE SAPLING INTO THIS.

Amazing, isn't it?

THAT'S RIGHT. DAMNIT!

THE SWORD WAS DESTROYED BY THAT SANOME...!

!

HEY,

YOU. . DON'T HAVE A SWORD OR OTHER WEAPONS.

I COULD IT BE

THEY'RE HIS COMRADES .....!?

My comrades fell right before my eyes!!

MOREOVER, IN THIS SORT OF PLACE...

I'M AT A DISADVAN-TAGE WITH NO SWORD.

IF THEY ARE THE PARTNERS OF THAT SANOME. THEN, THEY ARE MY ENEMY.

EVEN THE ZAKURO STONE IS GONE...

ON ME NOW,

THERE'S ONLY THE BLOOD OF THE AYAME PRINCE.

IN THIS SORT OF PLACE...

HAKUBI?

OF COURSE!

DON'T LUMP ME IN TOGETHER WITH YOU GUYS!!

AH.

YOU REALLY AREN'T A NUMBER CHILD?

WHY CAN'T YOU JUST ASK!!

IT'S SHI-RAKAWA HAKUBI'!

...DON'T CALL ME THAT!

BECAUSE WE DON'T KNOW YOUR NAME.

CHEH! THESE FELLOWS ...

WHAT ARE YOU BICK-ERING ABOUT?

HE LOOKS LIKE YORUAKI-SAMA

YOU ARE ALSO A NUMBER CHILD!

YOU ARE... YORUBASHI'S THIRD ELDEST?

'MIYA'?

MIYA.

IS THERE A DIF-FER-ENCE?

SO, WHAT ABOUT IT?

ISN'T THAT SO, SHIRAKAWA BOCCHAN?

WHAT IS THE USE OF A NAME?

IN A PLACE LIKE THIS,

ENRYUTE I ALSO FLEW ONE MORE TIME

SOMETHING JUST HAPPENED!

I WAS NOT ABANDONED!!

I WAS GIVEN A REAL ASSIGNMENT...

THAT PIECE OF CLOTH MUST BE REACHING ITS EXPIRY TIME SOON

KINREI-SAMA'S

DON'T LUMP ME IN TOGETHER WITH THAT TRAITOR!!

That's no different

YOU, YOURSELF HAVE BEEN ABANDONED BY KINREI.

.....!

IT'S JUST LIKE TOHJI?

AH, THEN

YEAH, HE SAID

THAT IT WAS KINREI WHO ORDERED HIM TO LOOK FOR RAKAN.

..THAT MEANS YOU,

SO THAT'S HOW IT IS.

..ARE HERE TO KILL RAKAN, TOHJI, AND THE OTHERS?

.....

!

Ah!

KAMU-YU'S PISS-ED.

OH...

DAMN!.. JUST AS I THOUGHT.

THEY REALLY ARE THAT SANOME'S COMRADES...!

THAT'S NOT...

AND YOU FAILED?

SO HE WAS ABAN-DONED BY KINREI

And there's seven.

THERE'S THREE OF THEM.

OF COURSE HE FAILED.

HE'S MOST LIKELY DEAD NOW!

I'M SORRY, BUT

don't underestimate me!

I DIDN'T LOSE, NOR DID I FAIL!!

THAT SANOME WAS CRUSHED BY THE ROOF!

I KNOW! YOU TRIED TO KILL HIM BUT YOU LOST TO HIM!

You're not even a Number child. How could you lose?

END ROFLMAO!!!!

Even his groping hands are quick

THAT GUY'S REALLY FAST.

It'd be too easy to save him.

YEAH.

A roof is nothing.

SENROH'S THERE.

FOUND A GOOD TARGET TO TEASE.

THE SANOME PRINCE SHOULD BE VERY SAFE.

No mistaking it.

Absolutely safe.

'PRINCE'!?

WHY DO YOU CALL HIM 'PRINCE'!?

DON'T PITY ME!!

AH, IT'S REALLY TOO BAD FOR YOU.

THAT'S RIGHT

IT'S TOO BAD, BOCCHAN!

DON'T CALL ME 'BOCCHAN' !!

THAT FELLOW, RIGHT TO MY FACE,

HE SAID, "YOU HAVE A BAD PERSONALITY"!?

And pointed at me with his finger!!

DON'T LAUGH!!

Ahahahahaha!!

sounds like something he'd say!!

JOKE

NNN?

!

THIS IS

キリ

KINREI
-SAMA'S...

YOU GUYS, DRAW YOUR SWORDS!

EH?

WHAT?

WHAT'S THAT NOISE?

IS IT A MOLE?

NO!

WHAT IS THIS...?

STONE PUPPET .....!?

SOMETHING FORMED FROM STONES!

STONES!?

...STONES!

It's disgusting!

WHAT IS THIS?

THE BODY IS REGENERATING!?

Uwaa...

!

DON'T CALL ME BOC-CHAN!!

HEY, BOCCHAN!

YOU KNOW WHAT THIS IS, RIGHT?

WHAT IS IT?

DIDN'T YOU SAID THIS WAS KINREI'S?

UWAA!

OI!

I'LL GO FOR THE EYE THEN.

THAT MUST BE THE EYE.

I CAN SEE THAT ALL ITS POWER IS CEN-TRED IN THAT STONE ON ITS FOREHEAD.

HA!
Under such circumstances
DID YOU THINK IT WOULD LEAVE YOU ALONE?
.....
YEAH, WELL,
OF COURSE...
IT EVEN ATTACKED ME...
.....!
.....
IT RAN AWAY?
NO,
IT SLIPPED THROUGH THE EDGE OF THE ROCKS.

EVENTHOUGH I'M NOT A NUMBER CHILD

BUT TOGETHER WITH THEM

DAMNIT!

STANDING IN THE SAME PLACE. THAT MEANS I'M IN THE SAME SITUATION

KAZUHI...

FOR NOW, EVERY-ONE BE CAREFUL!

DON'T GET LOST!

Is there any difference?

In a place like this

..THAT'S RIGHT ... ...

EVEN IF I HADN'T BEEN ABANDONED,

...IN THIS PLACE,

I'M NO DIFFERENT FROM THEM.

THAT THING WAS MADE OF STONES? NO MATTER HOW WE CUT IT, IT WOULD JUST REGENERATE.

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

THERE'S NO END TO IT, THEN?

IN ITS BODY,

...I SAW SOME SORT OF 'THREAD'.

'THREAD'?

HOW COULD THAT BE?

IF WE CUT THROUGH THE THREAD-LIKE STRANDS,

BUT

THE 'STONE' MAY BE DE-STROYED.

IT WAS SOME SORT OF NEEDLE THREAD PASSING THROUGH HERE AND THERE.

I DON'T KNOW IF THE THREAD WAS TO BIND IT OR TO SEAL IT...

..THAT IS NOT REAL 'THREAD'.

THERE IS NO REAL PHYSICAL BODY...

SO HOW DO WE CUT SUCH A THING----...

STAIN THE BLADE WITH BLOOD!

THEN YOU CAN CUT THROUGH.

DRIP YOUR OWN BLOOD ON IT.

ON THE BLADE,

CUTTING IT NORMALLY WON'T HAVE ANY EFFECT.

BLOOD MUST BE CUT WITH BLOOD!

THAT THING

EH?

IS A 'STONE PUPPET' CREATED BY KINREI-SAMA USING SPECIAL POWERS.

HE USED THE POWER OF...

THREAD-LIKE BLOOD TO CREATE THAT THING.

WITH BLOOD?

.....

YOU ARE KINREI'S UNDER-LING,

WHY WOULD YOU TELL US SUCH THINGS?

I'M NOT LYING!

ARE YOU LYING TO US?

...WHY,

ARE YOU SUDDENLY SAYING THIS? YOU...

..... BE-CAUSE!

JUST DO AS I SAY!

KAZUHI!

THIS MAN'S WORDS...

.....
YOSH! I GOT IT.

OUR OWN BLOOD, RIGHT?

Increadible— what a bad personality

UWAA

I HAVE NO WEAP-ONS!?

SO, I HAVE TO RELY ON YOU GUYS TO BEAT IT,

BUT THAT UNPLEASANT FEELING IS VERY REAL.

AH... HE IS OFFEN-SIVE,

Guess it's true

SURELY ...

No wonder Rokan was so blunt

AAA

EVERYONE! DO AS HE SAYS!

WHAT'S IMPORTANT NOW IS TO BEAT THAT THING!

TCH.

!!!

OR I WOULD DIE HERE TOO!!

YEAH, YEAH, I GOT IT.

!

THAT THING WILL COME AGAIN. GET READY, EVERYONE!

OKAY.

SO, JUST SMEAR OUR BLOOD ON THE BLADE?

YES!

I guess so

That fella has a bad personality, too

IT WON'T BE TOO LATE TO HAVE FUN WITH HIM AFTER IT'S OVER...!

HA?

WHAT 'PRINCE'?

'THE PRINCE'S LAN-GUAGE'.

WHAT LAN-GUAGE IS THAT?

?

'OKAY'.

'OKAY'.

Okay Okay

OUR PRINCE.

!

IT'S COMING!

SLASH

SLASH

SLASH

SLASH

SLASH

!!

.....

.....

IT WAS AS HE SAID.

That was fun

FOR REAL!

.....

.....

THAT'S AWESOME! WE BEAT THAT THING!

IT'S DE-STROYED! IT'S DE-STROYED!

Ohhhh!

……

おおおお

YOU, TOO.

Hello

IDIOT! I TOLD YOU TO BE CAREFUL.

.....

LUCKILY YOU DIDN'T FALL IN.

.....

YOSHI

PUISS

T/N: YAREYARE = EXCLAMATION SOUND OF RELIEF OR DISAPPOINTMENT

.....

IT WAS MOSTLY YOU WHO SAVED HIM!

Tch

Pats

AH.

THAT WAS PRETTY GOOD, AKIICHI.

NNNNN...

LIM, NOPE.

Fully Opened

NN.

IS THERE ANYMORE SUSPI-CIOUS THINGS OUT THERE?

KAZUHI.

SHOCKED!

ER WHY DIDN'T ANYONE REACT!?

A hallucination!?

There should be

Will there be holes?

The eye seemed to be

EH, WHAT WAS THAT JUST NOW?

!?

STONE.

SOMETHING...

Sparkle

Sparkle

.....

ぱちん

.....

AH.

...AHHH

Don't fall asleep

YOU SHOULD REST HERE TOO.

IT'S ALL FOR MY OWN PROTEC-TION ——.....!!

?

AS LONG AS I POSE NO THREAT TO THEM BEFORE GETTING TO THE SURFACE,

THAT WAY...

I DON'T TRUST THEM.

.....

SO SOFT...

FROM ABOVE .....?

WHAT'S THIS?

.....

FLOWER PETAL?

...ももい

THEY'RE BLOSSOMING JUST LIKE IN THE PAINTINGS.

AH, THEY'RE REALLY LIKE THE FLOWERS IN THE DRAWINGS.

YUP.

THAT'S RIGHT.

THEY ONLY KNOW OF 'COLOURS' AS WORDS

Thank goodness

EVERYBODY SEEMS TO BE VERY PLEASED.

OH!

IT'S BEAUTIFUL.

SAKURA BLOSSOMS

ARE REALLY 'SAKURA COLOURED'.

T/N HERE, SAKURA-COLOURED MEANS PINK COLOURED.

They're as plentiful as the leaves.

IT'S INCREDIBLE!

so fluffy!

THEY'RE REALLY BEAUTIFUL.

'BEAUTIFUL'...

.....

...MMMM

IT'LL BE EVEN PRETTIER AT NIGHT,

UNDER THE LIGHT OF THE LAMPFLOWERS.

I REALLY WANT TO LET THE OTHERS SEE THIS TOO.

IT MUST BE VERY BEAUTIFUL!

YUP

KAZUHI AND THE REST.

T/N . GOUKOSO = MIXER, JOINT-PARTY "GOUKON, YOU KNOW!

'GOUKOSO'

THAT'S NOT RIGHT...

Be-cause there are only guys.

THAT MEANS A 'PARTY'?

Nods

YES, YES.

IT'S THAT SORT OF FEELING.

O-HANAMI?

YOU MEAN FLOWER VIEW-ING?

WE SHOULD ALL GO FOR AN O-HANAMI TOGETHER.

AFTER WE ALL MEET UP,

T/N: KING'S GAME IS WHEN YOU HAVE TO DRAW A STRAW & IF YOU ARE THE KING, YOU CAN ORDER A NUMBERED STRAW TO DO SOMETHING BUT YOU DON'T KNOW WHO THE NUMBERED STRAW IS TILL YOU GIVE THE ORDER.

What kind of game is that?

That's when you play the 'king's game' or other activities

What is 'gaikan'?

YES. ADMIRING THEM WHILE HAVING A FEAST.

HEHHHH... THAT SOUNDS WONDER-FUL!

SO,

'BEALITY'

IS A FEELING LIKE THIS.....

CHIGUSA?

RAKAN.

!!!

NO...

IS SOME-THING WRONG?

AAHHH.

INDEED,

THOSE LAMP FLOWERS,

ARE BEAUTIFUL

.....

What is this?

Incredible!

It's beautiful

..WITH THE FEEL-ING OF BEING A LITTLE PITI-ABLE

CHIGUSA.

TO SEE HIM THAT WAY.

I'M VERY HAPPY.....

SMILING HAPPILY

I'VE REMEM-BERED IT.

THE REAL FEELING OF "BEALITY".

BEAUTI-
FUL
THINGS.

OF ALL
KINDS.

IS
THAT
SO?

CHIGUSA,

...THANK
YOU.

I WISH THIS
COULD CON-
TINUE.

THEN,

FROM NOW
ONWARDS,

I'LL LET
YOU SEE
EVEN MORE,

WHERE SHOULD WE HEAD FOR TOMOR-ROW?

THERE'S A VILLAGE OPPOSITE HERE.

IS IT INHAB-ITED?

YES.

THERE'S AN OROCHI TOO.

Um, that type of big snake?

MMM.

ONE DAY,

I COULD SEE YOU HAVING MORE EXPRESSIONS BESIDES BEING BEAUTIFUL.

.....

I THINK THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ... MOST ... PLEASING OF ALL

ARE RAKAN'S EYES WHEN HE LOOKS AT ME

I want to see you see even more

Of me now!

.....

MMM.

I'LL BE WAITING FOR THAT.

BUT

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Konnichiwa minna-san. Here we are yet another chapter,
albeit, half of a chapter, but, nevertheless, still progress.
We hope that you will not be too disappointed with
the quality of translation.
If some parts sounds weird, please forgive us, since we are not
experts on the language. We do what we can and the rest
is to wait for the licensed copy to come out.

Last but not least, we FINALLY have a name for our really tiny
group. We have decided to christen ourselves, Snakes In Eden.
So YAYY for us.
Till the next time we meet again - ADIOS!

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Chapter 26 pt.B finally done and another final chapter to go to end vol.9. The Snakes in Eden team, prays fervently that vol.9 can be finished before year-end. We can't promise but we'll try our best.

Hope you enjoy this chapter and we hope to see you soon! =) Really soon, I hope... ^_^'

With love,
Snakes in Eden

Translation Notes

大蛇
Orochi

Orochi is simply the pronunciation of the Japanese characters for big snake or serpent, and as such, I will use the two terms interchageably, with little variation in meaning.

朝露
Asatsuyu

Asatsuyu is the pronunciation of the name of this chapter's Orochi. The characters that make up its name mean "morning dew." When referring to the serpents themselves, I will use the pronunciations, but when referring to the rivers named after them, I will use their translated meanings. For example:

真珠 - Mitama (The Pearl River)

青火 - Aobi (The Blue Fire River)

月白 - Tsukishiro (The White Moon River) *Actually it literally says "Moon White" but whatever...

卯之花 - Unohana (The Deutzia* River) *Genus of Hydrangea family

灯野
灯二
Tohno Tohji

Though the translations thus far have generally used "Touji Touno" Sugiura-sensei romanizes the name with h's in the volume character summaries (same with Senroh and Koh) so I decided to follow that.

Silver Diamond v9 ch27: Peace

by Sugiura Shiho

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Found raws on the SD LJ comm (shiho_s_diamond.livejournal.com)

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mediafire.com/walle

Not sure if I'll be continuing this series. I only really did this chapter because it was highly requested, and I dislike holes in the middle of a story. The raws were pretty small and medium quality though, so I'm sorry for the bad cleans. I also had to translate off of Chinese raws, so I expect there may be a few inaccuracies. I understand that there are already people working on volume 11, so I'll keep out of their way for now, but anyone donating HQ (or even MQ) Japanese (or really, any scans except the already popularly circulated Chinese ones) raws of future volumes would be a great help...*hint hint* ;)

WALL-E Scans

THERE'S

THERE'S MORE AND MORE COLOR

PALE REDS,

FARAWAY GREENS,

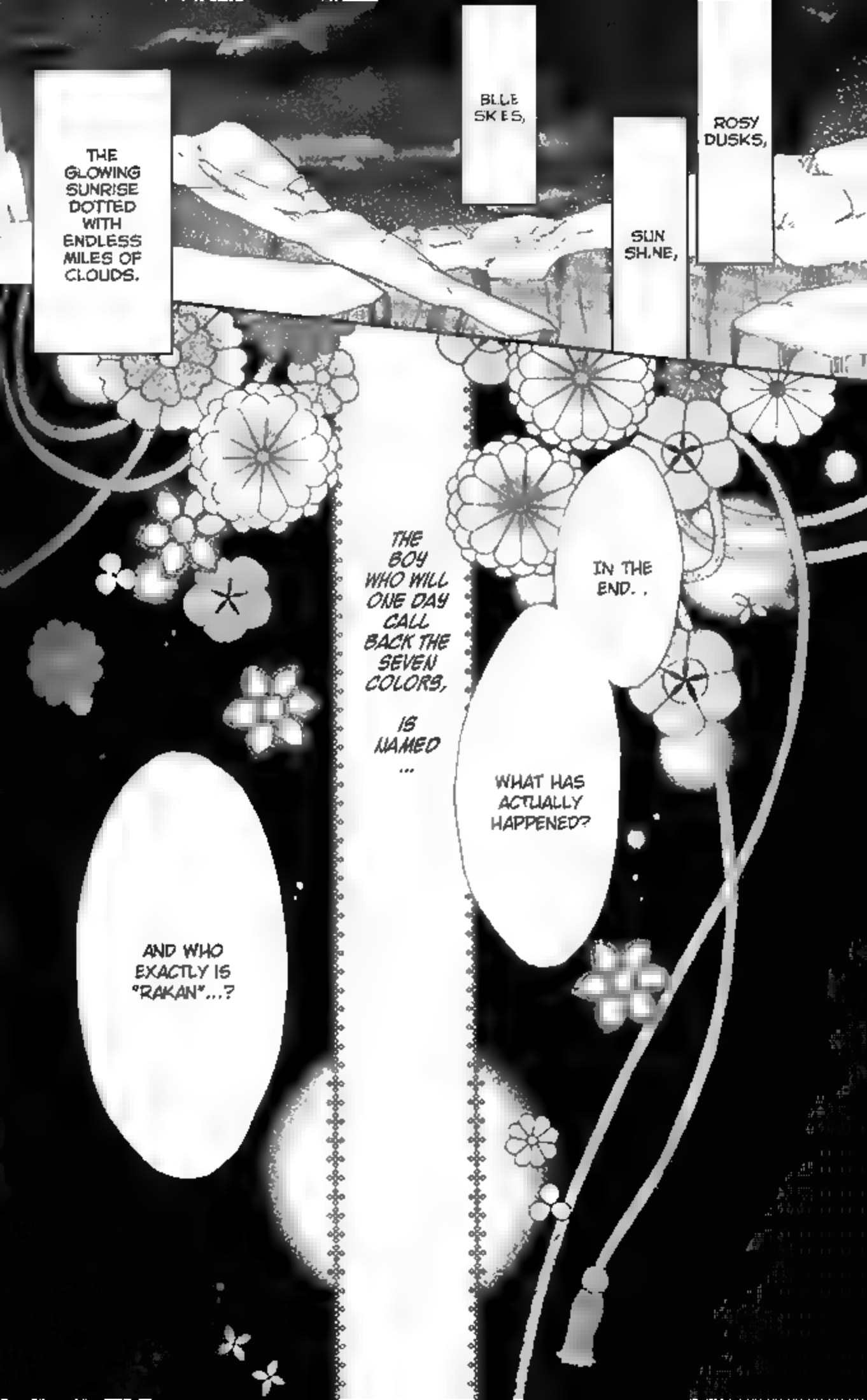
WHITE FORESTS,

GREEN FIELDS,

SAKURA COURT-YARDS

EVEN CRYSTALLINE SERPENTS,

EXACTLY WHAT ON EARTH HAS HAPPENED?


THE GLOWING SUNRISE DOTTED WITH ENDLESS MILES OF CLOUDS.
BLUE SKIES,
SUN SHINE,
ROSY DUSKS,
THE BOY WHO WILL ONE DAY CALL BACK THE SEVEN COLORS,
IS NAMED ...
IN THE END. .
WHAT HAS ACTUALLY HAPPENED?
AND WHO EXACTLY IS "RAKAN"...?

THEY DON'T SEEM LIKE BAD PEOPLE THOUGH
THAT'S RIGHT.
THERE ARE FOUR MEN AND A BIG BLACK BEAST HEADING TOWARDS THE VILLAGE.
A SANOME-SAMA?! REALLY?!
YES.
IT APPEARS THERE'S A "SANOME" WITH THEM.
THAT'S WHY THE COLORS ARE GETTING CLOSER AND CLOSER TO US.
I GOT IT I'LL GO TELL EVERYONE ELSE, THEN
LIKE THIS, WE CAN ALL BE REASSURED AND REJOICE
TO THINK THAT IT'S A "SANOME-SAMA"!
THANK YOU, KARAKL
NO PROB-LEM.
THEN, I'LL BE GOING!
Close

"SANOME"
...
Peace
THERE'S NO PLACE TO CROSS.
Ah...
THE VILLAGE IS ON THE OTHER SIDE.
Hm...
DO you think you could jump across? KURO?

WHY DON'T WE JUST ASK RAKAN INSTEAD

The way you said that is scary

You don't seem very self-confident.

I'LL PROB-ABLY CRASH INTO THE HOUSES.

IF I GET A RUNNING START, I CAN MAKE IT, BUT...

DON'T WE LOOK AWFULLY SUSPI-CIOUS?

EH?

OH, YEAH!

IF I THINK ABOUT IT,

Here

Thanks.

THIS IS THE "BRIDGE" SEED, RIGHT?

YES.

IT'S "BRIDGE."

AH, THAT'S TRUE...

INDEED.

WOULDN'T THERE BE VERY FEW PEOPLE WHO'D TRAVEL LIKE THIS?

It can't be common

IN THIS KIND OF WORLD .

WHERE DESERT IS EVERY-WHERE,

ISN'T IT SAFER TO JUST STAY IN THE COMFORT OF A HOME, LIVING WITH A STEADY SUPPLY OF WATER?

RATHER THAN WANDER AROUND THE DESERT WITH NO GUARANTEE THAT YOU'LL FIND ANOTHER VILLAGE OR WATER SOURCE.

BECAUSE WHERE THERE'S A VILLAGE, THERE'S WATER.

WHY'S THAT?

BUT IN THIS REGION,

MAYBE IT'S DIFFERENT NEAR THE CAPITAL.

MOST PEOPLE WILL NEVER STEP FOOT OUT OF THEIR VILLAGE WITHIN THEIR LIFETIMES.

I AGREE

THAT'S TRUE

EVEN MORE SO SINCE THE GROUND'S SPLIT OPEN NOW.

So, we're quite suspicious.

Plus there's an abnormal life form

We look a bit strange

YEAH

We really aren't a very well thought out group.

TALK

Which character would I pick to be siblings with?

↓ Pick one from these choices...

There appears to be no danger

There seems to be no harm in being related to him.

Why am I left out?

When I thought of a topic like this, I originally wanted to choose from Rakan's group of four, but then I realized I really wouldn't care to get close to them. (For Chigusa, the reasons should be obvious, but I think having Narushige as a brother would also be kind of scary.) So, I've replaced them with this bunch. They seem just like ordinary siblings.

Oh, also, Ife would be pretty normal if Rinrai and Sae were my sisters. It wouldn't be too bad. Ah, and having Kinrei as a brother might actually be really fun.)

T/N: YEAH, SUGIURA-SENSEI NEVER ACTUALLY CONCRETELY ANSWERS THE QUESTION. AND YES, THE CAPTIONS ABOVE THE ARROWS ESSENTIALLY SAY THE SAME THING. ALSO, HOW COULD BEING RELATED TO KINREI POSSIBLY BE MORE FUN THAN BEING RELATED TO NARUSHIGE??

THE VILLAGERS ARE COMING OUT
AH.
KOU, HIDE INSIDE
Sure ♡
OH YEAH, THAT'S RIGHT
Then I'll just
LET THEM SEE THAT YOU'RE THE "SANOME", AND THEY CAN'T DOUBT US ANYMORE RIGHT?
IT'S ALL RIGHT
I DON'T SENSE ANY HOSTILITY.
rustle!
tap
FWHOOOSH
THIS ONE. AND THAT ONE.
HMM, WHICH BRANCHES SHOULD I TOUCH?
GOT IT
stop

SFX SNAP SNAP!
?
WHAT IS THAT
Groan!

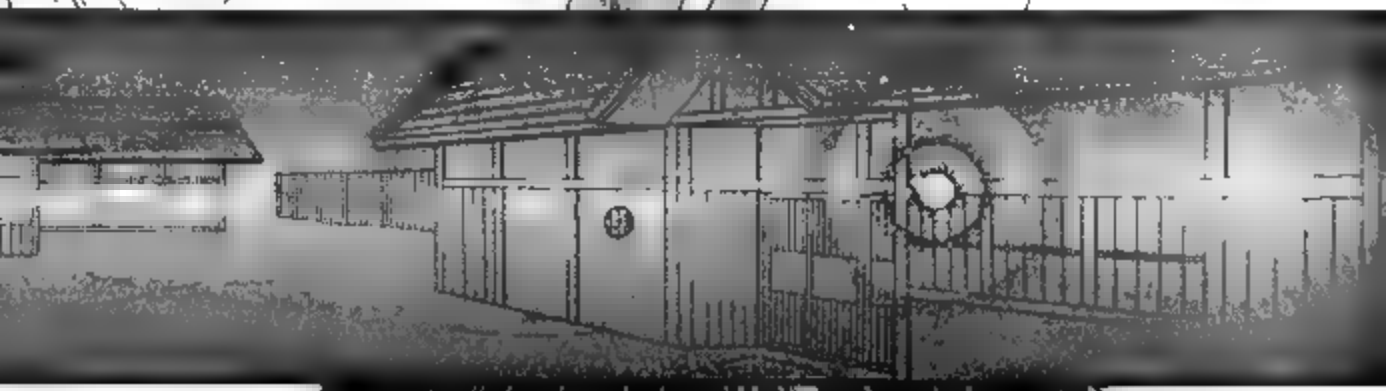
IT'S REALLY SANOME-SAMA!
WOOW ...!
Incredible!
SFX: ZAWA ZAWA (CROWD NOISES)
THE PRINCE FROM THE CAPITAL?
...!?
A look-a-like?
WE AREN'T SUSPICIOUS PEOPLE OR ANYTHING.
UM, ABOUT THAT...
ARE YOU SANOME-SAMA?
I FEEL LIKE A DOOR-TO-DOOR SALES-MAN
SORRY FOR DIS-TURBING YOU.
Hello everyone
WHY WOULD YOU COME HERE?
"RAKAN"?
LET ME.
RAKAN.
Where should I begin
WELL, THIS UHH ..
I'll do the explaining

I'm going to die soon.
And if what "Rakan" said is true,
I will become an eternal river.
EH?
YOU..
YOU'RE "RAKAN"?
SFX: SAA (LIGHT WIND)
YES.
IT MENTIONED MY NAME?
RIGHT
OH, LIKE THE WAY YOU AND KAZUKI CAN?
.....
MAYBE THE OROCHIS CAN MENTALLY COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER.
IT SEEMS HE'S STILL AWARE OF THE SITUATION OUTSIDE, TOO.
THOUGH MITAMA-SAMA HIDES INSIDE A ROCKY MOUNTAIN,
BUT HOW DID IT KNOW?

T/N THE STONE TABLET OBVIOUSLY SAYS "ASATSUYU", BUT THE LITERAL MEANING IS "MORNING DEW"
朝露路
EH...
AH,
THEN WHAT SHOULD WE DO WITH THIS STONE SERPENT
DO YOU KNOW THE SERPENT'S NAME?
IT CALLED ITSELF "ASATSUYU."
"ASATSUYU" ?
FLOWERS !
YES.
FROM NOW ON THIS WILL BE THE "MORNING DEW RIVER."
IS THE WATER CLEAN?
YES,
AS LONG AS YOU GIVE THANKS WHEN YOU USE IT,
AND PRESERVE ITS PURITY,
YOU CAN DRINK IT WITHOUT WORRIES.
Because that's its grave
THAT'S FINE, THEN.

I'M UTAEDA SOUTA.
OH,
YES, AND YOU ARE...?
"SAWA RAKAN" ...
I'M SAWA RAKAN.
EVERY-ONE,
.....
UM. YOUR HIGHNESS.
DOES IT HAVE SOME KIND OF MEANING?
WHAT AN UNUSUAL SURNAME. ...
"UTAEDA" ..
LIKE THIS ...
UTAEDA?
HOW DO YOU WRITE THAT?
IT'S A LONG STORY,
BUT WOULD YOU LIKE ME TO EXPLAIN?
AH,
I'M NOT "YOUR HIGHNESS."
HUH?
AND I'M NOT THE PRINCE FROM THE CAPITAL.

EXPAND THE GREENERY WHILE I EXPLAIN?
I
OF COURSE!
PLEASE DO!
We need it!
PLEASE COME THIS WAY
It sounds even more like a traveling salesman's tactics now
WILL YOU ALLOW ME TO
SINCE I'M A "SANOME,"
AH, ALSO,
HMM?
SURE...
What good looking men.



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AN ORDINARY PERSON, IS IT ..
INSIDE...
THERE ARE SIGNS OF LIFE?

Umm.
SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO STAY IN HER ROOM.
EH, WHERE'S KARAKU?
IT'S REALLY SANOME-SAMA...
HE LOOKS EXACTLY LIKE THE PRINCE.
THEY'RE ALL SO GORGEOUS.
INDEED
YOU SHOULD GO GET HER.
IT'D BE A PITY NOT TO SEE ALL THESE HANDSOME MEN.
WHAT EYE CANDY!
KINUE,
IT'S FINE.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO CALL KARAKU.
EH, WHY IS THAT?
.....
WHY DO YOU EVEN NEED TO ASK?!
SHE SAID SHE WANTED TO STAY INSIDE HERSELF, RIGHT?
THERE'S NO NEED TO GO OUT OF YOUR WAY TO CALL HER.
SO JUST LEAVE HER ALONE!

WITH MOST ROOT FRUITS,
OKAY.
Ohh~?
YOU CAN PREPARE THEM BY EITHER BOILING OR FRYING.
IF YOU CRUSH THESE FRUITS, THEY MAKE A RICH OIL.
Detailed explanation
In high spirits
THE JUICE FROM THESE FRUITS IS VERY SWEET,
AND THESE SMALL FRUITS CAN ALSO BE GROUND INTO A RICH DRESSING.
AND ALSO, THIS

How warm and fragrant
THEY SEEM LIKE THE COOL AND SILENT TYPE
Over there.
ARE THEY GUARDS?
THOSE TWO OUTSIDE AREN'T BAD EITHER.
RIGHT?
YEAH!
STANDING TOGETHER,
THAT MAN AND SANOME-SAMA LOOK SO PRETTY
YEAH...
And he's smiling so happily
He's bursting with life!
IT SEEMS RAKAN IS REALLY HAPPY.
WRONG!
Has exceptional hearing
THAT'S JUST CALLED "TRAINING TO BE A BRIDE".

STILL WRONG!
...
"TRAINING TO BE A GROOM" THEN...
?
All three of you are together
WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
YOU SHOULD'VE SAID IT LIKE THAT FROM THE START!
YUP
WE WERE SAYING THAT YOU REALLY LOVE THE KITCHEN, DON'T YOU?
Ah,
THOSE THREE ARE CHATTING SO SERIOUSLY
How dazzling!
WHAT ARE THEY SAYING?
Kyaa!
Kyaa!
THE LONG-HAIRED ONE IS LECTURING THE ONE WITH GLASSES, TELLING HIM "DON'T TEACH TOHJ. MISGUIDED KNOWLEDGE."

I also like the foliage here
SINCE I LOVE COOKING,
I'M HAVING A GREAT TIME
I can create lots of recipes
IT ALLOWS ME TO RELIEVE SOME STRESS*
"SUTORESU"?
WHAT'S THAT?
HM?
UM...
I can't remember the Japanese word for it at the moment
HOW SHOULD I PUT IT..
*SAID IN ENGLISH
SORRY, IT'S A BIT HARD TO EXPLAIN,
AND IT'S NOT LIKE IT'S ANYTHING GOOD EITHER.
BUT IT'S NOT REALLY SERIOUS,
I JUST MEANT THAT "COOKING MAKES ME HAPPY."
YOU'RE HAPPY THEN?
THEN THAT'S GOOD.
YEAH.
IN THE END, IS RAKAN A "BRIDE" OR A "GROOM"?
?
I'D BE A "GROOM."
SEE.
LIKE HELL, DO I "SEE"!
What are you guys talking about?

PLEASE HAVE A GOOD REST HERE BEFORE HEADING OUT.
WE TROUBLED YOU WITH ALL KINDS OF WORK TODAY
REALLY, WE'RE VERY GRATEFUL FOR YOUR HELP,
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE REALLY SANOME-SAMA...
Hehe.
PLUS, WE'D ALREADY HEARD OF YOU.
We're the ones who should be grateful.
SO ACTUALLY WE'RE VERY HAPPY TO HAVE GAINED YOUR TRUST
THANK YOU.
COMING HERE SO SUDDENLY, WE MUST HAVE SEEMED LIKE A SUSPICIOUS GROUP,
Today's Summary
Please let us stay for the night
I'm a Sanome The Prince is an Aoyame
WE MAY HAVE LOST ALL CONNECTION TO THEM IN THIS LIFE-TIME
BESIDES, WE'RE SO FAR FROM THE CAPITAL HERE.
WAS IT ASATSUYU THAT MENTIONED US?
?

WE'VE NEVER SEEN HIS HIGHNESS WITH OUR OWN EYES,
AND HONESTLY
WE FELT THAT THE SO-CALLED "PROPHECY" HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH US.
WE'VE ALWAYS THOUGHT THAT NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS,
WE'D LIVE OUR QUIET LIVES HERE AND PASS ON
SO, ON THE CONTRARY,
DO YOU HAVE TO LEAVE TOMOR-ROW?
YES
THE WAY YOU HELP SPREAD THE GREEN COLOR IS MUCH MORE GENUINE
AND DESERVES OUR TRUST.
That's good, then
OH... IS THAT SO?
MUST YOU LEAVE SO SOON?
STAY A WHILE LONGER, WHY DON'T YOU
.....
BUT

RAKAN,
WON'T GOING TO THE CAPITAL,
AND DEFEATING THE AYAME PRINCE BE A DIFFICULT TASK?
YES,
I EXPECT IT TO BE QUITE HARD..
THE CAPITAL IS SO FAR AWAY,
WE'RE SURROUNDED BY DESERT
AND THE EARTH HAS CRACKED OPEN,
INDEED
FROM NOW ON,
YOU WON'T KNOW WHAT YOU'LL COME ACROSS EITHER, RIGHT?
YES.
?
THAT'S RIGHT
BUT.
SINCE THERE'S SO MUCH DANGER,
SHOULDN'T YOU JUST NOT GO?

WE CAN LIVE ABUNDANTLY, EVEN IF THE POPULATION GROWS.
YEAH! AS LONG AS SANOME-SAMA'S HERE,
EH ..
THIS...
JUST LIKE THIS,
...HUH?!
WON'T YOUR LIFE BE MORE RELAXED IF YOU LIVED AN ORDINARY LIFE IN THIS VILLAGE?
IT'S NOT AS IF YOU HAVE TO DO IT
ISN'T IT A BIT SCARY...?
YOUR SEARCH FOR KINREI-SAMA AND THE AYAME PRINCE,
BESIDES,
ISN'T IT TOO PITIFUL TO LET THE SANOME-SAMA GO UP AGAINST THAT KIND OF DANGER?

JUST STAY IN THIS VIL-LAGE AND SETTLE DOWN WITH HER.
IF YOU FIND A GIRL YOU FANCY HERE,
OH YES, HOW ABOUT...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
WHAT A MESS!
I DIDN'T EXPECT IT TO TURN OUT LIKE THIS...
UM, THIS
No way?!
Uwa!

Sway...
T/N. MATSUBA = "PINE NEEDLE"
WHAT IS IT MATSUBA?
HM?
We only need him to stay...
It'd be great if only we had the "Sanome."
That's right.
IF ONLY WE HAD THE "SANOME"...
THIS CAME AT A GOOD TIME,
I JUST HAPPENED TO NEED IT
YES.
THE AFFAIRS OF THE CAPITAL HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH ME,
I DON'T EVEN MIND THAT THE PRINCE IS AN AYAME.
YOU PICKED SOMETHING UP AGAIN?
WHAT IS THIS?
WHERE DID YOU GET THIS FROM?

WE COULD LEAD BLESSED LIVES FOREVER.
IF ONLY WE HAD THE SANOME,
WHAT...
WHAT SHOULD I DO...?
No, that's not right
EXCUSE ME FOR A MOMENT
CLATTER
HAHA. I'M GOING TO USE THE REST-ROOM.
...Uh...
LIM...
IF ANY GIRL CATCHES YOUR EYE,
PLEASE LET ME KNOW
GOOD INTENTIONS.
TAP.
MY GOD...
TAP!
TAP!
TAP!
TAP!
RAKAN?
CLACK!
SLAM
SEX: STOP

Please be faithful only to your "important person"
THAT KIND OF THING.
I DID SAY IT ONCE...
WE JUST GOT HERE TODAY!
AND WE'VE ONLY KNOWN THEM FOR ONE DAY!
AND YET HE CAN CHAT ABOUT MARRIAGE THAT CALMLY!
WHAT'S MORE, IT WASN'T EVEN THE PARENTS THAT BROUGHT IT UP. IT WAS THE VILLAGE HEAD!
He decided so casually!
Is this some kind of Japanese fairy tale world?
IT WAS EVEN SAID WITH SUCH EASE!
THIS WORLD IS REALLY A VERY SCARY PLACE!..
...EEK.
IF I THINK ABOUT IT CAREFULLY, IT WAS CARELESS.
IT WAS REALLY CARELESS OF ME TO PREACH.
IT'S NOT LIKE IT WASN'T CORRECT,
BUT,
DAMN IT...
NO, IT'S NOT DAMNED, IT'S NOT DAMNED AT ALL!
IF THE THREE OF THEM SERIOUSLY GOT GIRLFRIENDS RIGHT NOW, I WOULD BE VERY TROUBLED!
HONESTLY SPEAKING,

I DON'T WANT TO LEAVE ANY OF THEM BEHIND EITHER, THOUGH...
SO WE COULDN'T POSSIBLY TAKE A WOMAN WITH US.
It's too dangerous
BUT WE'RE ON OUR WAY TO THE CAPITAL RIGHT NOW,
UWAH...
WHY AM I THINKING LIKE THIS? HOW EXCESSIVE
YEAH, ALL THE GIRLS HERE,
SEEMED REALLY EXCITED TO SEE THEM TODAY.
NOT THEY DEFINITELY ARE
THEY SHOULD BE REALLY POPULAR, RIGHT?
NOT TO MENTION THEY'RE ALL HANDSOME, AND STRONG AND HUMOROUS (IT SEEMS)
BUT...
(ESPECIALLY CHIGUSA!)
...THEY'D PROBABLY LISTEN.
"I'D BE TROUBLED," THEY WOULD PROBABLY LISTEN TO ME
BUT, IF I JUST SAID,
That's only my own selfish interests.
I definitely can't say it
Way too excessive...
HONESTLY, SHOULD I REALLY SAY, "BEFORE WE REACH THE CAPITAL, PLEASE DON'T GO OUT WITH ANY GIRLS!" TO THREE GROWN MEN?!

Squeeze
BEFORE...
I'D NEVER HAD SUCH A PERSON, SO IT DIDN'T MATTER TO ME.
IT'S JUST THAT...
.....
RAKAN?
?
.....
RAKAN, YOU'VE BEEN ACTING WEIRD
HE'S REALLY FLUS-TERED
SORRY ABOUT THAT ..
You can't even near the slightest breath from Chigusa
AH, OH,
IT'S ME
UWAA?!

!
EVER SINCE A MOMENT AGO
WHAT'S WRONG?
.....
HM?
IT REALLY IS OOD.
RAKAN?
IT'S NOTHING.

Safe:haven
I..
I'M GOING TO THE KITCHEN!
EH? THEN I'LL COME WITH.
NO, I WANT TO BE BY MYSELF FOR A BIT!
YES! IT'S NOTHING!
IS IT..
REALLY NOTHING?
I DEFINITELY CAN'T SAY IT...
...EH?
IT SEEMS LIKE...
HE'S HIDING SOMETHING...
THAT WAS
ALSO SAID SERIOUSLY
DA
SH
YOU DON'T NEED TO FOLLOW ME!
I'll be right back!
Wah
WHAT?
Eek!
HE'S
SERIOUS.

TAP
Step
Step
Step
Step
GOOD, HE DIDN'T CHASE AFTER ME
I COULDN'T POSSIBLY HAVE SAID IT.
SORRY, CHIGUSA.
BUT JUDGING BY THE SOUND OF HIS VOICE, HE'S PROBABLY SHOCKED
I DON'T GET TO SEE HIS EXPRESSION.
OOOO

THE ONLY TIMES I'VE SEEN HIS SHOCKED EXPRESSION ARE
AND THE TIME I SAID, "TAKE ME WITH YOU TO THE OTHER WORLD!"
THAT TIME I SLAPPED HIM.
I'M NOT EXACTLY SUITED TO ANY GROUP.
IT'S STILL NOT BUT,
I—

IT'S ABOUT TIME TO TURN BACK,
EVERYONE WILL BE WORRIED
IT SEEMS LIKE I'VE GONE REALLY FAR INSIDE
.....
I MIGHT GET LOST

!?
AH,
FOUND HIM.
THIS HOUSE IS PRETTY BIG, HUH
WHERE'D THEY RUN OFF TO?
Those two.

DARK.
CHIGUSA?
KINUE SAYS WE CAN USE THE BATHS...
You can go first today
WHOA!
You can come out now.
WHAT HAPPENED?
LIWA, HOW GLOOMY!
WHERE'S RAKAN?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?
HUH?
HE WENT THAT WAY
HE TOLD ME NOT TO FOLLOW HIM.
Did he go to the bathroom?
I'M USING MY VISION.
TO KEEP TRACK OF HIM RIGHT NOW ..
YOU REALLY ARE A BIG PERVERT!
WHAT DID YOU DO TO RAKAN?!
ZERO TRUST.

HEY, WHAT EXACTLY IS GOING ON?
ARE YOU REALLY DEPRESSED ?
What happened?
HE'S..
WHERE IS HE?
LET'S GO FIND RAKAN TOGETHER.
RAKAN'S COLLAPSED
WHAT IS IT?!
THIS WAY!
EH??
..
SFX GATAN! (CLATTER!)

RAKAN!
.....!!

DOES HE HAVE A FEVER?
NO.
HE'S JUST SLEEPING.
HE DOESN'T HAVE ANY UNUSUAL SYMPTOMS.
HAND ME HIS JACKET.
HERE
LET'S LAY HIM DOWN.
Gently
SFX: SOUND OF BREATHING
IT MUST BE EXHAUSTION.
IT'D BE BEST NOT TO WORRY ANYONE, SO WE SHOULD KEEP THIS MATTER
OH, I UNDERSTAND.
I'LL TELL EVERYONE THAT HE'S RESTING IN HIS ROOM.
POOR THING.

Close.
THANK YOU.
I'LL TELL THEM NOT TO COME IN.
SO WE CAN LET HIM HAVE A GOOD REST
.....
.....
.....
He's really asleep.
Ah.
...HEY,
WAS RAKAN...
WAS THIS REALLY FROM EXHAUSTION?
YEAH,
HE'S PROBABLY WORN OUT.
LANDING SO SUDDENLY IN A COMPLETELY DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENT,
WHERE THE STANDARD OF LIVING CAN'T POSSIBLY COMPARE WITH THAT OF HIS OLD WORLD.
.....

Hmmm...
Kou,
Yes?
I HAVE A QUESTION.
What?
"Mental tension" ...
more or less,
What Rakan meant by "stress" was,
!
.....
!
gently...

I CAN SEE IT,
HE'S HAVING A DREAM...
YEAH
.....
YOU CAN EVEN DO THESE KINDS OF THINGS?
I CAN SEE THE SCENES IN HIS MIND
THROUGH MY HAND,
EH?
RAKAN...
IS DREAMING OF HIS OLD WORLD.

THE SHOP NEARBY,
THIS IS.
RAKAN'S HOUSE.
..AND HIS SCHOOL.

Ah, Rakan.
You can wear the clothes here, too.
It's all right.
WHAT'S WRONG?
CHIGUSA?
Oi,

It's fine.
I'll just wear this.
TOHJI...
NARU-SHIGE.
COULD HE.
ABOUT RAKAN.
COULD HE POSSIBLY.
REGRET THIS?
REGRET COMING TO THIS WORLD?

COMING TO A WORLD LIKE THIS,
FROM NOW ON,
THERE WILL DEFINITELY BE MORE HARDSHIPS
Isn't it just too pitiful?
To let the Sanome-sama go up against that kind of danger—
Besides,
CHIGUSA,
WHY THE HECK ARE YOU SAYING THIS ALL OF A SUDDEN.
BECAUSE
HE'S ONLY HAVING THEM BECAUSE HE WANTS TO GO BACK
THOSE KINDS OF DREAMS
IF SOMEONE WERE TO ASK WHICH WORLD WAS BETTER,

IT'S MORE THAN OBVIOUS, WHAT ANYONE WOULD ANSWER...
.....
.....
YOU TWO,
WHAT IS IT?
YES?
FOR THE TIME BEING...
COULD I TAKE A BREAK?
HAH?

I WANT TO ENTER RAKAN'S DREAM.
IS THAT OKAY?
HOW DO YOU ENTER? ARE YOU ABLE TO DO IT?
Enter his dream?
HE SHOULD BE ABLE TO, RIGHT.
I JUST HAVE TO SEND MY CONSCIOUSNESS IN.
CAN YOU DO THAT?
HE PROBABLY CAN, RIGHT.
YES.
IT'S JUST THAT MY BODY WILL LOSE ALL AWARENESS FOR A WHILE.
SO DURING THAT PERIOD, I'LL BE COUNTING ON YOU.
NO PROBLEM.
SINCE YOU'RE SO WORRIED, YOU SHOULD GO TAKE A LOOK
YEAH.
NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, WE'LL PROTECT YOU TWO.

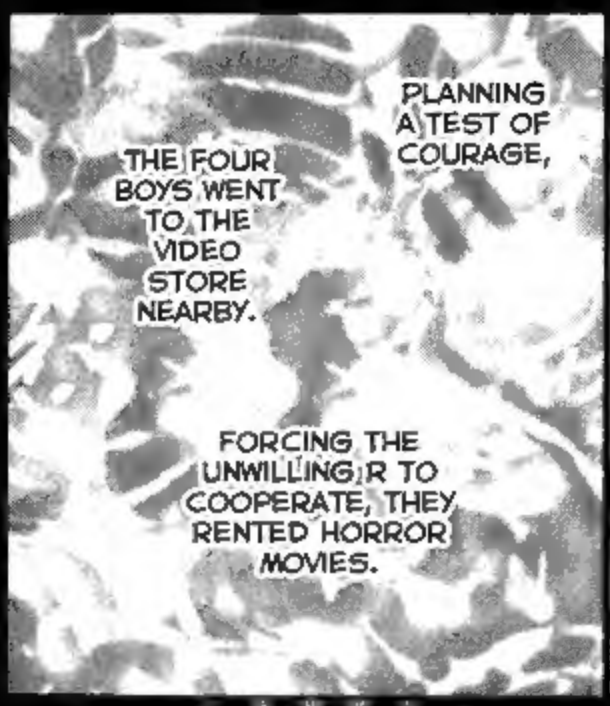
squeeze
WELL THEN, I'M RELYING ON YOU.
THANK YOU,
PLOP
thump
WHOA, HE'S LYING ON YOUR KNEES
He's just like a big child...
Startled.
.....

THIS GUY,
HE REALLY DOES TRUST US AFTER ALL.
He's completely unguarded.
SERIOUSLY
Huh. You can touch him
Poke!
We can take this chance to doodle on him!

I JUST HAVE TO USE THIS CHANCE TO GET RID OF THE OTHER MEN.
NOW THAT I'VE PUT THE "SAYOME" TO SLEEP,
AND THEN THAT SAYOME,
WILL BELONG TO US COMPLETELY!

◆SILVER DIAMOND⑨／END◆

GHOST STORY.


THE FOUR BOYS WENT TO THE VIDEO STORE NEARBY.
PLANNING A TEST OF COURAGE,
FORCING THE UNWILLING R TO COOPERATE, THEY RENTED HORROR MOVIES.

AT AROUND THREE IN THE MORNING,

THE MOVIE WAS REACHING ITS CLIMAX,

AND JUST AS THE SUBTLE SOUND OF MEOWING SUDDENLY SPREAD FROM SOMEWHERE...

R'S STATE ALSO CHANGED FOR THE WORSE.

RAKAN?
CRR
ACK
At his limit.
KYAAA~
RAKAN SEES ...
AN IMAGINARY MOSAIC.
SFX: SUU... (SMOOTHLY)
EH?
DROP
ROLL
JERK
TAKAHASHI.
WHY ARE YOUR EYES SO LIFELESS...
EH?
FORGET IT, I'LL JUST SLEEP WITH YOU.
AH?
LET ME HAVE THE BED, TAKAHASHI.
...RAKAN?
I'M NOT WATCHING ANY MORE.
I WANT TO GO TO SLEEP.
SFX: STARTLED!
Is he talking to himself?

IN THIS KIND OF SITUATION, IF I WERE THE FIRST ONE TO FALL ASLEEP,
I'D INEVITABLY BE PARALYZED BY A NIGHTMARE. AND EVEN THOUGH YOU'RE ALL HERE, NO ONE WOULD NOTICE SINCE I WOULDN'T BE ABLE TO CRY OUT. I'VE HEARD OF THIS KIND OF STORY MANY TIMES.
SO, IF YOU SLEEP BY MY SIDE, YOU'LL DEFINITELY NOTICE WHAT'S HAPPENING.
AND MAYBE, HAVING A NIGHTMARE ALONG WITH YOU WON'T BE QUITE AS SCARY.
WAIT A SECOND, YOU...
You're saying things too strangely...
HOW CAN YOU SUDDENLY SAY SUCH EXCESSIVE THINGS SO NATURALLY?!
IN SHORT, I WANT TO HUG YOU WHILE SLEEPING.
WAHHH!
STAY!
STAY AWAY!
BE QUIET, TAKAHASHI. I CAN'T SLEEP.
Focus on the screen!
EH, DON'T I HAVE A SAY IN THIS?
OI,
DON'T LOOK BACK,
ON THE PATH OF HELL, ONE LOOK BACK AND YOU'LL GET DRAGGED AWAY!
AN "UNKNOWN WORLD" IS BEING PLAYED OUT BEHIND US...
ARE YOU A DEMON, OR WHAT?!
UWA, DON'T BURY YOUR FACE IN MY CHEST!
Hey!
AH, I NEED TO WRAP MY FEET AROUND YOU TOO.
YOU'RE SCARING ME, REALLY! I'M BEING VIOLATED!
OI, STOP IT, ASSHOLE!
GOOD NIGHT, TAKAHASHI. YOU CAN'T ESCAPE.
SOMEBODY HELP ME...!
Rest in peace.
Sorry, Takahashi.

BUT THE NEXT MORNING,
SINCE WE TOOK A CELL PHONE PHOTO,
A GOT CHEWED OUT BY HIS GIRLFRIEND, WHO WOULDN'T EVEN SPEAK TO HIM FOR THREE DAYS.
OF A AND R SLEEPING TOGETHER SO INTIMATELY,
Poor you...
YOU'RE "A"?
Scary, isn't she?
SO IT WAS YOU GUYS WHO SHOWED IT TO HER!
AH, R'S HERE.
R? WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
A manga?
A GHOST STORY.
IN THE END,
R DOESN'T REMEMBER A THING ABOUT THAT NIGHT'S EVENTS.
EXTRA "GHOST STORY" / END